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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

ON March 16,

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Letter dated December 18, 1985. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) Chemical reaction apparatus comprising in combination:
- (a) first means for forming a first stream of first matter and flowing said [stream] first matter in a given direction along a predetermined, path,
- (b) second means for generating a beam of collimated coherent radiation,
- (c) third means for directing said collimated radiation beam along a path to cause it to intersect said stream of matter and to transfer sufficient energy of said beam to a quantity of said matter so as to effect a chemical change in said matter,
- (d) fourth means for controlling the conveyance of said first matter [from said stream] after it has [been reacted on by] undergone a reaction as a result of the